



RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

13 February, 2020

Highland Plaza Building, Auditorium
3760 South Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present: Dale Smith, Melissa Monsivais, Holly Kingston, Alanna Brickley, Sonia Arias

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Amber Critchlow, Sharon Miller

Child Care Licensing Staff Present: Simon Bolivar, Donna Thomas, Kim Rice, Mindy Young, Sarah Atherton, Paula Mills, Alisha Griffin, Hannah Wally, Rosemary Vander Meyden, Kat Martinez.

WELCOME

At 9:00 a.m., Dale Smith welcomed everyone and started the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November meeting were approved via email.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The committee needs a pediatrician and two consumers.

ASSIGNMENT(S) FOLLOW-UPS

There were no assignments from the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed rule changes public comment report - Simon

There were no public comments related to the rules. Someone asked a question about background checks, which was answered, and someone suggested the public comment period be after the holidays.

Date for the new rules to become effective - Simon

There were some unintentional omissions in the rules sent out for public comment. The corrected rules were sent to the Governor's Office for approval and then will be sent out again for public comment. This process has to be completed before they can be made effective.

As instructed by the Governor's Office, rules written in active voice and other small rule adjustments - Simon

Per the Governor's Office, rules are to be written in an active voice are not to reference rules or standards of another entity. These corrections were made in CCL rules and some redundant rules were removed. The corrected rules will be sent to committee members for their review. During the March meeting, the rules will be discussed and recommendations made.

List of providers rights to be added to the interpretation manual – Simon

At the request of a provider, a Child Care Provide Bill of Rights was drafted. The draft was sent to several individuals for their input and it was shared with the committee members. Someone asked for a brief explanation of each right. At next month's meeting, the draft will be discussed. The document will be added to the Interpretation Manuals and, since it's not part of the rules, it can be updated at any time.

Committee Members – Comments and Recommendations

- Can a payment portal be created that is directly linked to the provider's bank account so payments can be made without having to call in to use an account credit, snail mail a check, or pay the \$2.00 processing fee for the current online payment system?
 - Simon will check into this.
- Can a rule be created for a mental health evaluation for caregivers?
 - Simon will check with the legal department. He suggested that providers check with the Child Care Associations and see if they have guidelines for dealing with employees.
- Does the CCL rule about a rest time mean that all children have to take a nap?
 - Simon clarified that the rule means a rest time is to be offered. That rest time can be a change in activities that allow a child to be calm.
- Can the inaccessibility definition be amended to address surfaces that are accessible but items on them are out of the reach of children?
 - Simon will draft such a rule and bring it to the March meeting.

Public Comments

- There was support for the idea of a payment portal directly linked to the provider's bank account.
- There was a question about notifying providers before the Care About Child Care Agencies stopped doing Live Scan fingerprints.
 - Simon explained that was not Child Care Licensing's decision and not the program's responsibility to inform the providers. The program will be receiving an updated list of Live Scan fingerprinting locations for the website. He said there are over 100 locations across the state.
 - Karrie Philips, from Office of Child Care, reported that machines were purchased for the Care About Child Care agencies in Salt Lake City and Ogden and there are talks to collaborate with the university to purchase a machine in Logan.

AGENCY REPORTS

Child Care Licensing – Simon Bolivar

- The Department of Environmental Quality was awarded a grant for lead testing for home and center providers. CCL will send out an email about the details of this grant. He said there is a proposed bill that requires all child care facilities to test for lead and this grant will help with that testing.
- There was a proposed bill to increase licensing fees so CCL would be independent from state funds. He explained why such an increase was not feasible and the bill was rejected by the Committee.

Office of Child Care – Karrie Phillips

- The Child Care Quality System for family providers is in place.
- There are many grants available to child care providers. Information about the grants and application for the grants can be found on the Office of Child Care website.
- They are working on a quality support model for center providers.
- They are developing a 3 hour Career Ladder course for CCQI.

ASSIGNMENTS

Simon

- Create a document with the rule changes.
- Send the draft of the updated family rules to the committee members.
- Compose a change to the inaccessibility rule that address surfaces that are accessible but items on them are out of the reach of children.
- See if a payment system that is directly linked to the provider's bank account can be created.
- Check with the legal department to see if we can have rules regarding the mental health of caregivers.

Committee members

- Review the proposed rule changes and bring your comments and recommendations to the March meeting.
- Review the Provider's Bill Rights and bring your comments and recommendations to the March meeting.

Dale Smith ended the meeting at 11:00 am.

UPCOMING 2020 MEETINGS

March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, November 12

9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Highland Plaza Building Auditorium, 3760 S Highland Drive, SLC

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